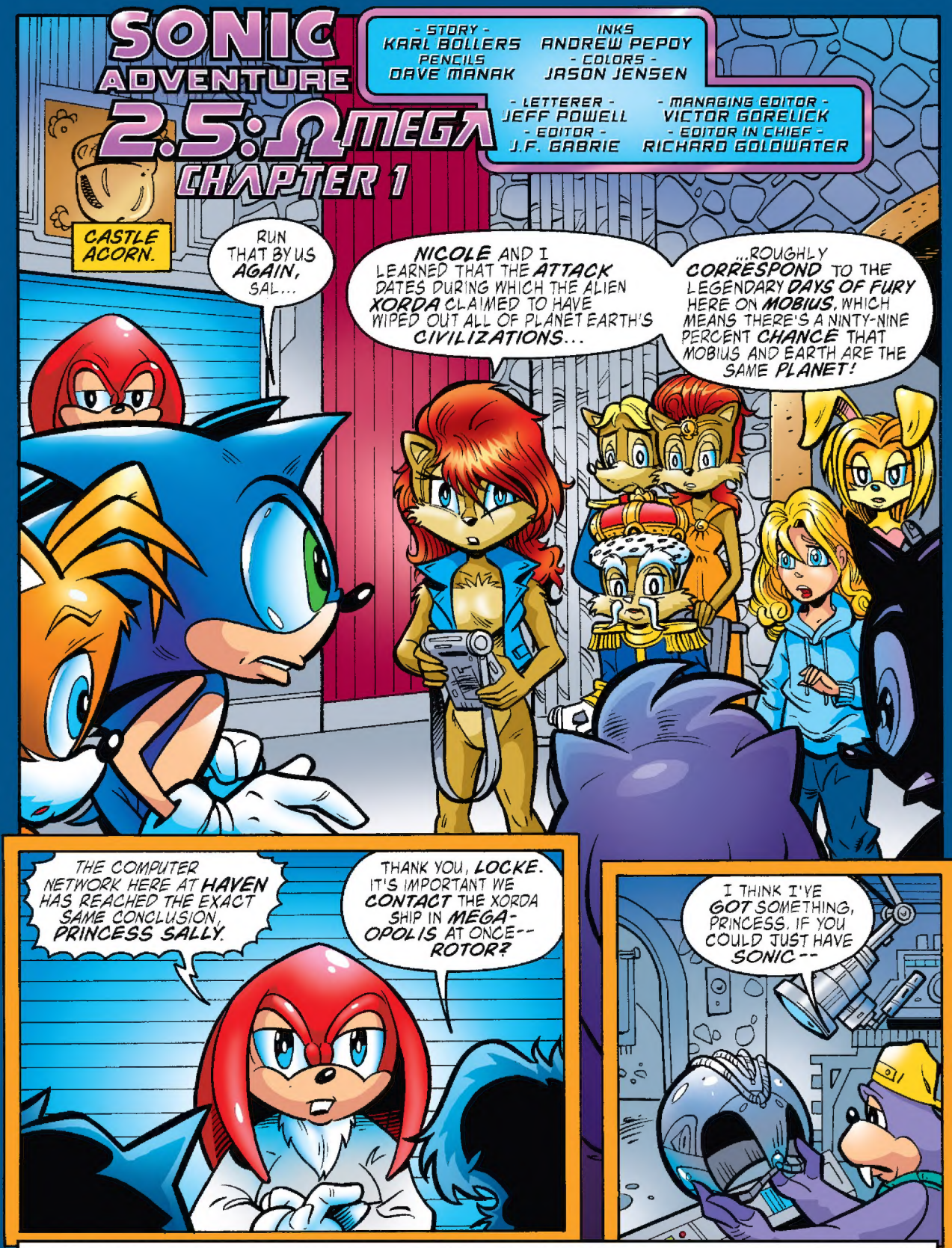
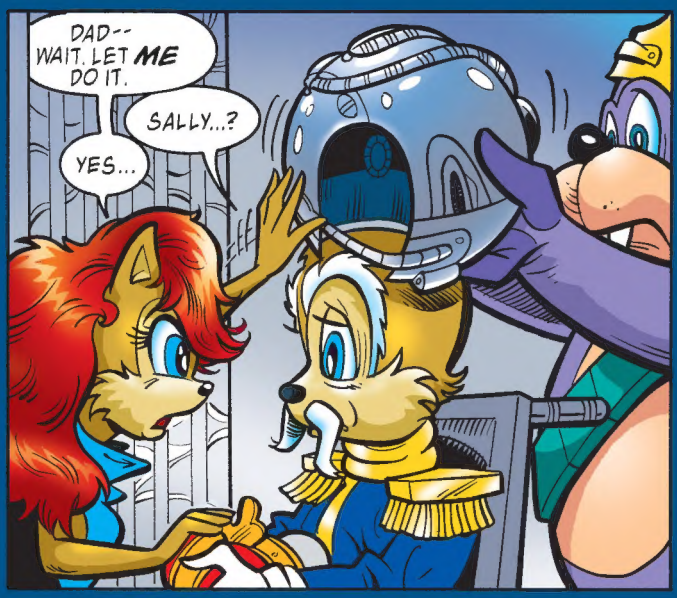

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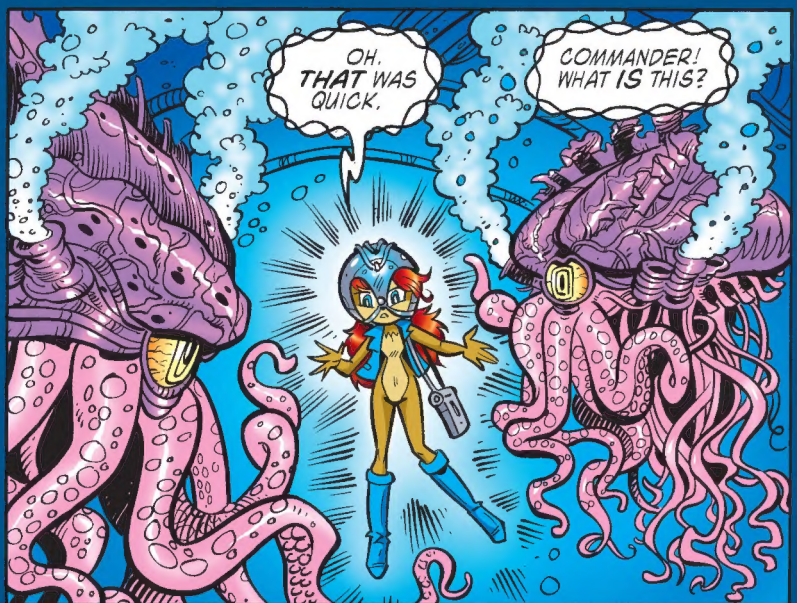
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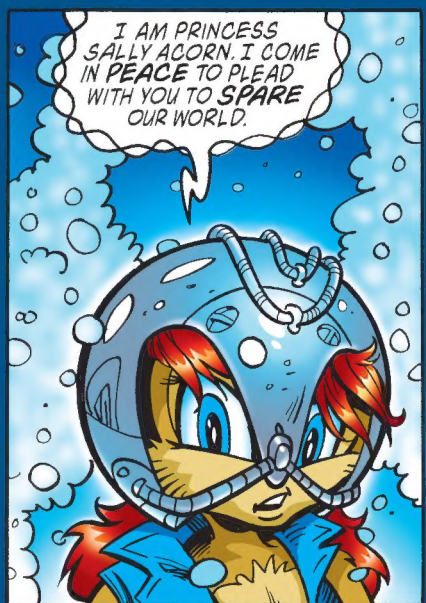

HAVE ME DO WHAT?
--HELP ME CARRY THIS THING OVER TO THE CASTLE! IT'S HUGE!

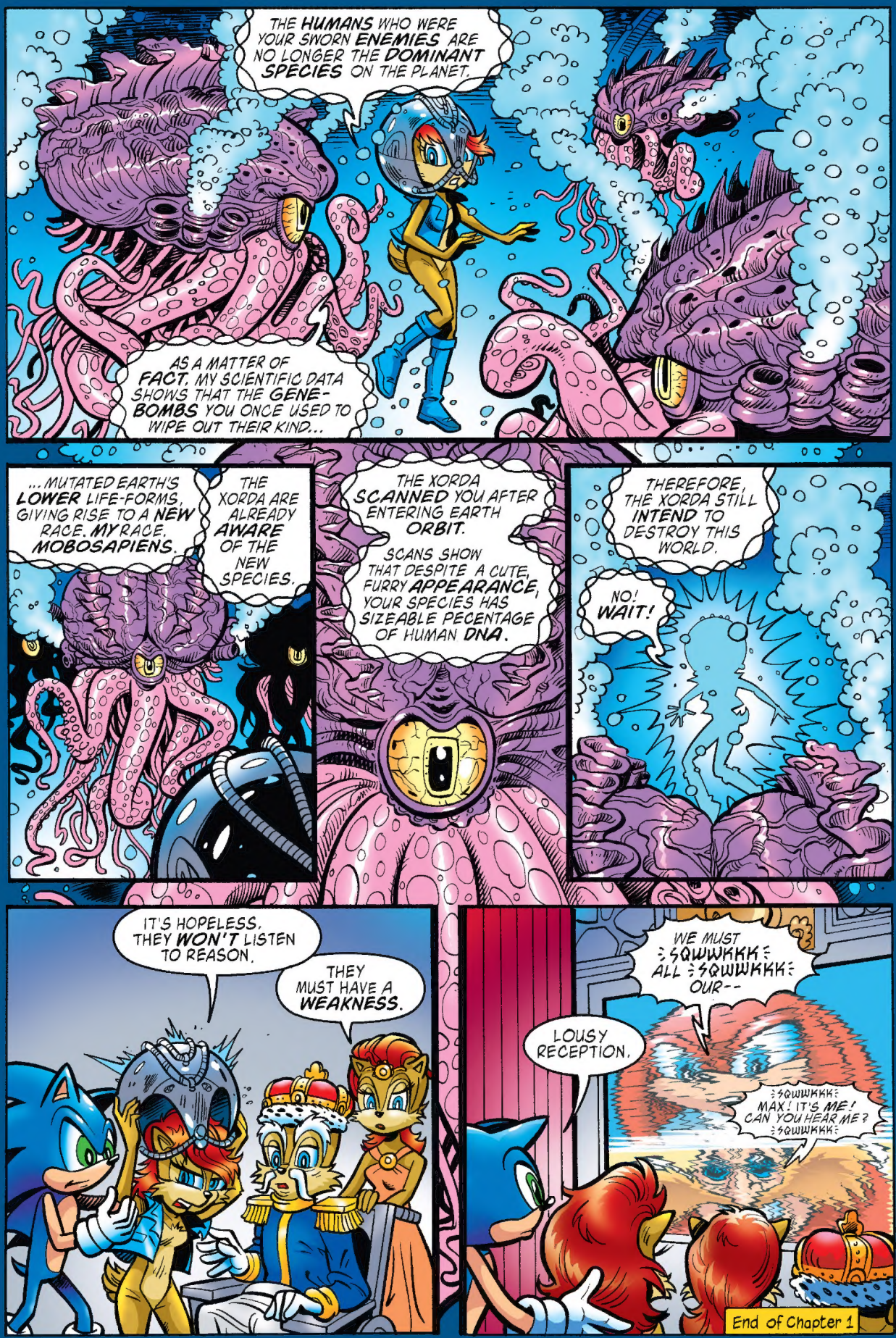

THIS HEADGEAR WILL ENABLE YOU TO PROJECT YOUR THOUGHTS INTO THE XORDA SPACE SHIP, KING MAX.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM AND HOPEFULLY CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT DESTROYING MOBIUS.
WISH ME LUCK...

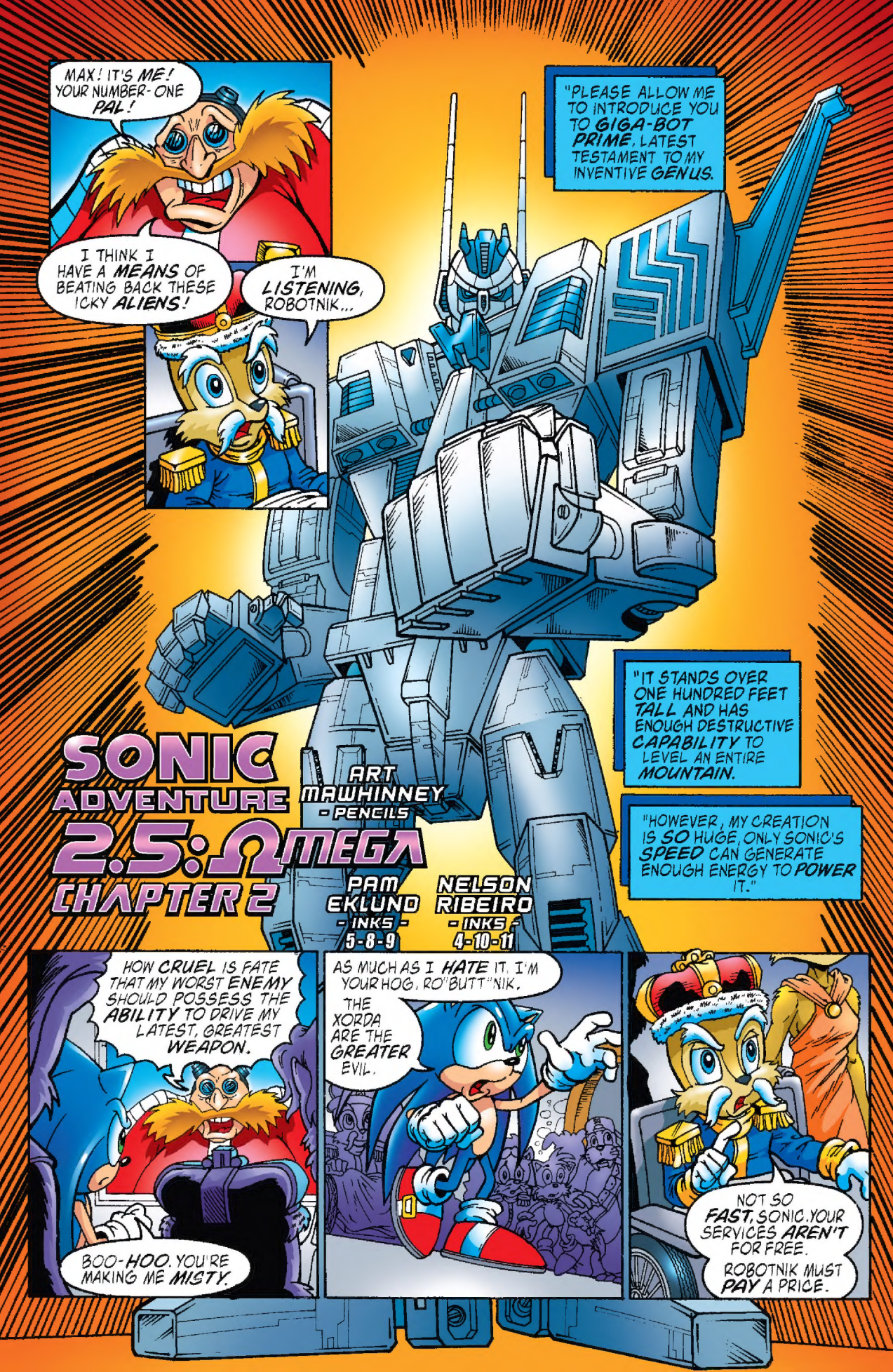

DAD-- WAIT. LET ME DO IT.
SALLY...?
YES...


... I THINK I CAN MAKE A REALLY GOOD ARGUMENT BASED ON MY FINDINGS.
HMMMMM

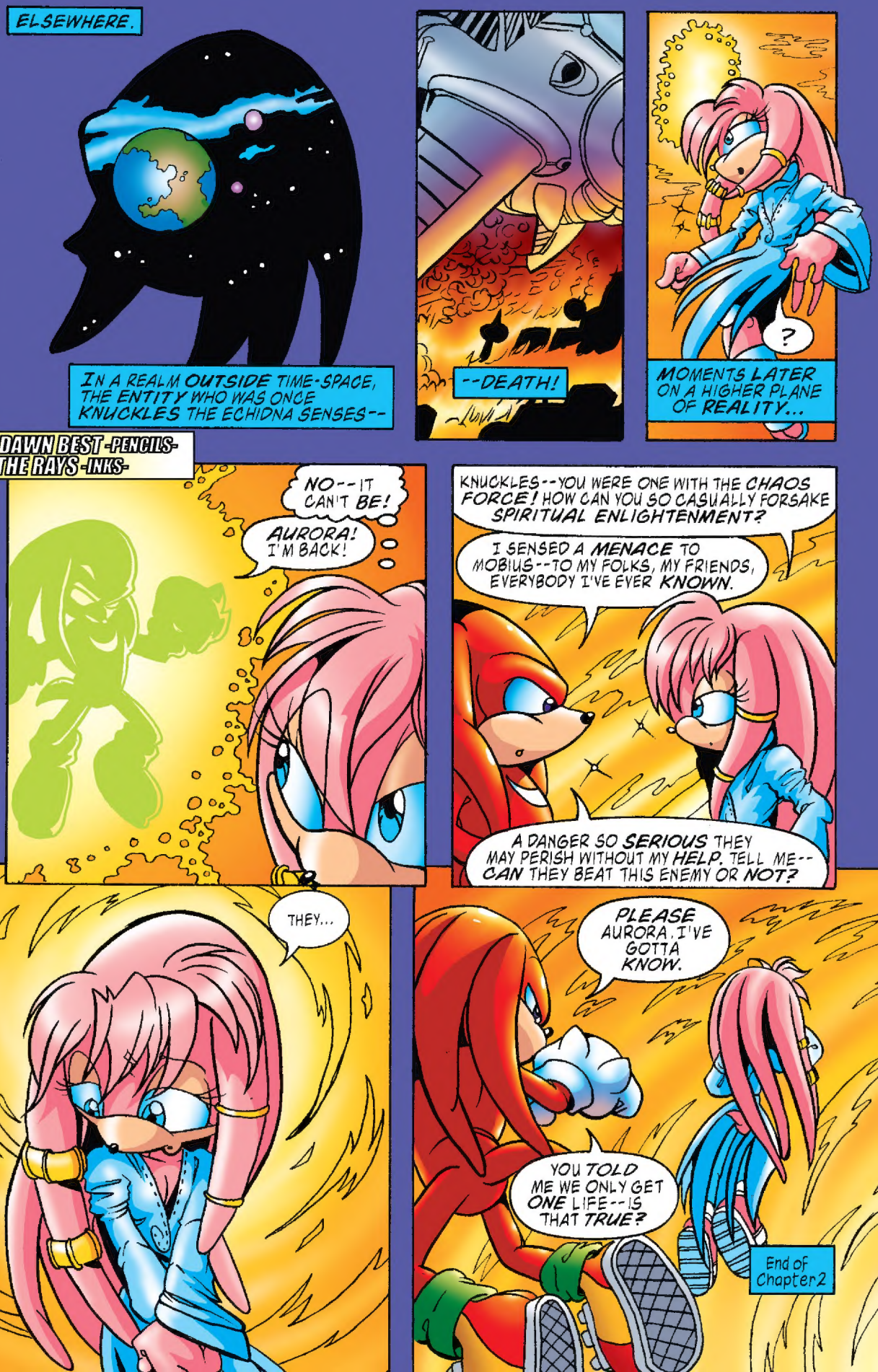

OH. THAT WAS QUICK.
COMMANDER! WHAT IS THIS?


I AM PRINCESS SALLY ACORN. I COME IN PEACE TO PLEAD WITH YOU TO SPARE OUR WORLD.


THE HUMANS WHO WERE YOUR SWORN ENEMIES ARE NO LONGER THE DOMINANT SPECIES ON THE PLANET.
AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY SCIENTIFIC DATA SHOWS THAT THE GENE-BOMBS YOU ONCE USED TO WIPE OUT THEIR KIND...
...MUTATED EARTH'S LOWER LIFE-FORMS, GIVING RISE TO A NEW RACE. MY RACE. MOBOSAPIENS.
THE XORDA ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THE NEW SPECIES.
THE XORDA SCANNED YOU AFTER ENTERING EARTH ORBIT.
SCANS SHOW THAT DESPITE A CUTE, FURRY APPEARANCE, YOUR SPECIES HAS SIZEABLE PECENTAGE OF HUMAN DNA.
THEREFORE, THE XORDA STILL INTEND TO DESTROY THIS WORLD.
NO! WAIT!
IT'S HOPELESS. THEY WON'T LISTEN TO REASON.
THEY MUST HAVE A WEAKNESS.
WE MUST :SQWWKKK: ALL :SQWWKKK: OUR--
LOUSY RECEPTION.
:SQWWKKK: MAX! IT'S ME! CAN YOU HEAR ME? :SQWWKKK:
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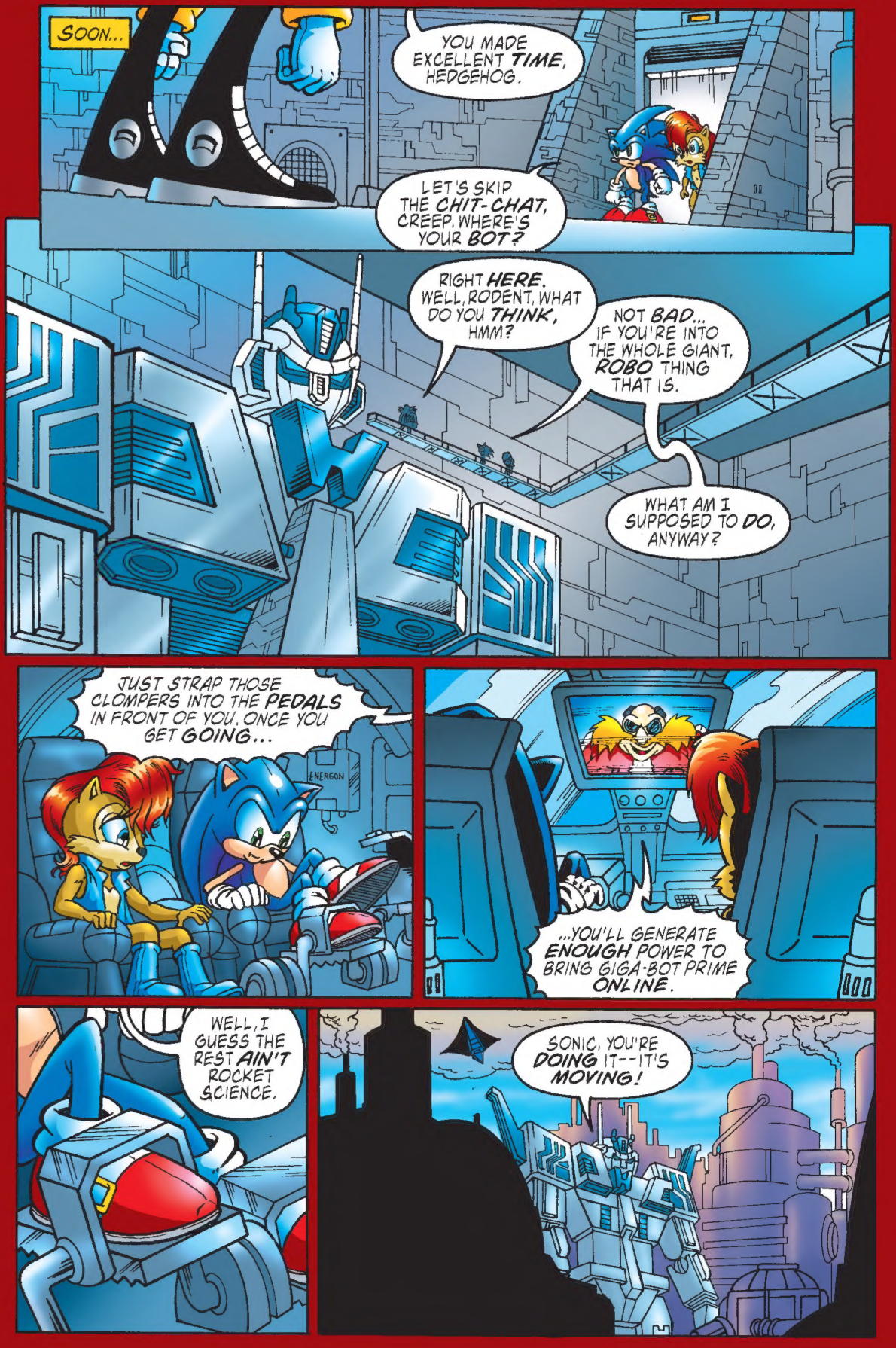

MAX! IT'S ME! YOUR NUMBER-ONE PAL!
I THINK I HAVE A MEANS OF BEATING BACK THESE ICKY ALIENS!
I'M LISTENING, ROBOTNIK...
"PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO GIGA-BOT PRIME, LATEST TESTAMENT TO MY INVENTIVE GENUS.
"IT STANDS OVER ONE HUNDRED FEET TALL AND HAS ENOUGH DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY TO LEVEL AN ENTIRE MOUNTAIN.
"HOWEVER, MY CREATION IS SO HUGE, ONLY SONIC'S SPEED CAN GENERATE ENOUGH ENERGY TO POWER IT."
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ART MAWHINNEY - PENCILS
PAM EKLUND - INKS - 5-8-9
NELSON RIBEIRO - INKS - 4-10-11
HOW CRUEL IS FATE THAT MY WORST ENEMY SHOULD POSSESS THE ABILITY TO DRIVE MY LATEST, GREATEST WEAPON.
BOO-HOO. YOU'RE MAKING ME MISTY.
AS MUCH AS I HATE IT, I'M YOUR HOG, RO"BUTT"NIK. THE XORDA ARE THE GREATER EVIL.
NOT SO FAST, SONIC. YOUR SERVICES AREN'T FOR FREE. ROBOTNIK MUST PAY A PRICE.


PRICE?! WHAT PRICE?!
CURRENTLY, YOU ARE THE RULER OF NINETY-NINE POINT NINE PERCENT OF THE PLANET.
I DEMAND THAT YOU CEDE HALF OF YOUR GLOBAL TERRITORIES TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN.
THAT'S THE PRICE. TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.
COOL. WAY TO GO KING MAX!
I--I--
DAD. WOW.
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE. IT'S DO OR DIE.
FINE!
BZZZT


ELSEWHERE.
IN A REALM OUTSIDE TIME-SPACE, THE ENTITY WHO WAS ONCE KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA SENSES--
--DEATH!
?
MOMENTS LATER ON A HIGHER PLANE OF REALITY...
DAWN BEST -PENCILS-
THE RAYS -INKS-
NO--IT CAN'T BE!
AURORA! I'M BACK!
KNUCKLES--YOU WERE ONE WITH THE CHAOS FORCE! HOW CAN YOU SO CASUALLY FORSAKE SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT?
I SENSED A MENACE TO MOBIUS--TO MY FOLKS, MY FRIENDS, EVERYBODY I'VE EVER KNOWN.
A DANGER SO SERIOUS THEY MAY PERISH WITHOUT MY HELP. TELL ME--CAN THEY BEAT THIS ENEMY OR NOT?
THEY...
PLEASE AURORA. I'VE GOTTA KNOW.
YOU TOLD ME WE ONLY GET ONE LIFE--IS THAT TRUE?
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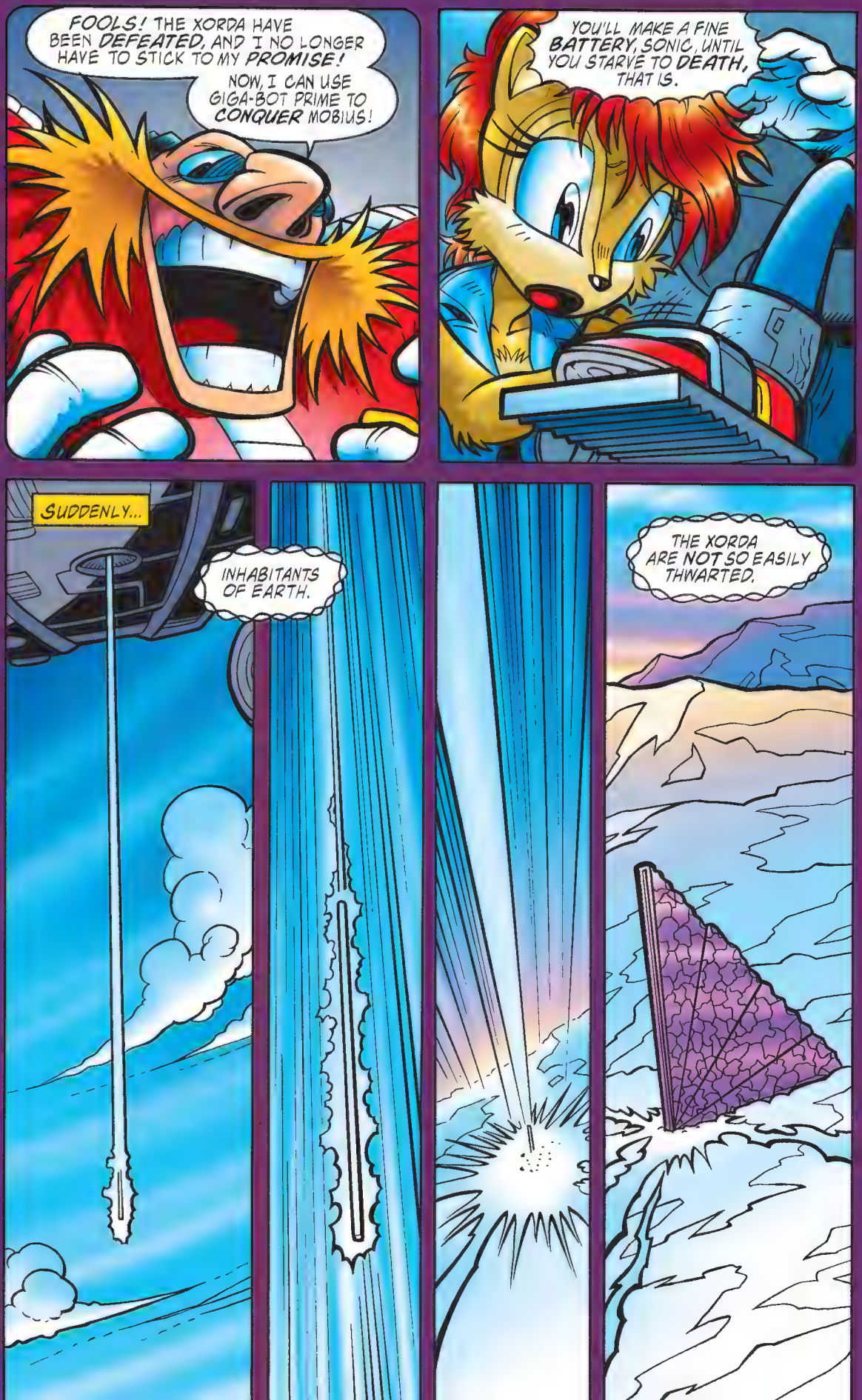

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FELLOW MOBIANS-- BY NOW YOU KNOW OF THE MENACE THAT THREATENS OUR WORLD.
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SONIC HAS VOLUNTEERED TO GO ON THE MISSION THAT WILL BEAT BACK THESE SPACE INVADERS.
DARNED TOOTIN'!
THE REST OF THE PLANET'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE ON STAND-BY SHOULD HE FAIL...
...AS ARE WE.

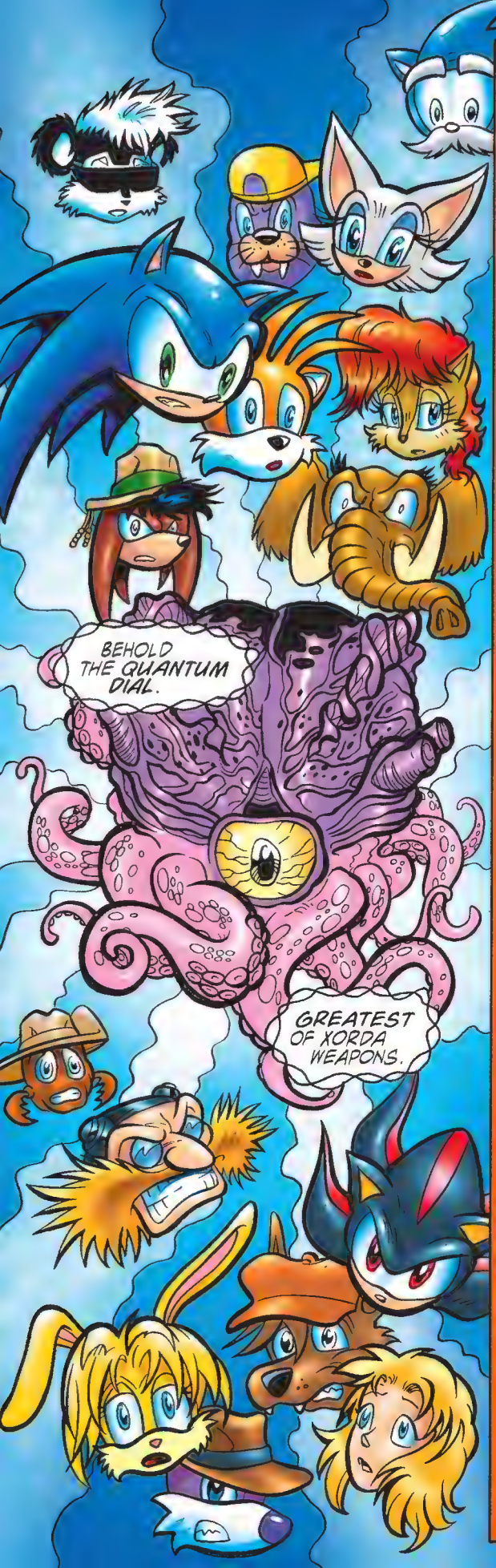

AND ROBOTNIK ACTUALLY AGREED? MOST IMPRESSIVE MAXIMILLIAN.
DESPERATION CAN MAKE US DO THINGS WE NORMALLY WOULDN'T, LOCKE.
DESPERATION, IN THIS INSTANCE ROBOTNIK'S, WORKED IN OUR FAVOR.
"I SEE YOUR POINT.
"HERE ON ANGEL ISLAND EVEN THE MOST UNLIKELY GROUPS ARE WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER IN THIS MOMENT OF CRISIS."
KEEP ME AWARE OF YOUNG SONIC'S PROGRESS.
WILL DO.
MEANWHILE...
WELL, I'M OFF. BE BACK IN TIME FOR DINNER...
SONIC, WAIT. WHEREVER YOU GO, I GO. IF YOU FALL IN BATTLE, I REFUSE TO BE ANYWHERE ELSE...
...OTHER THAN BY YOUR SIDE.

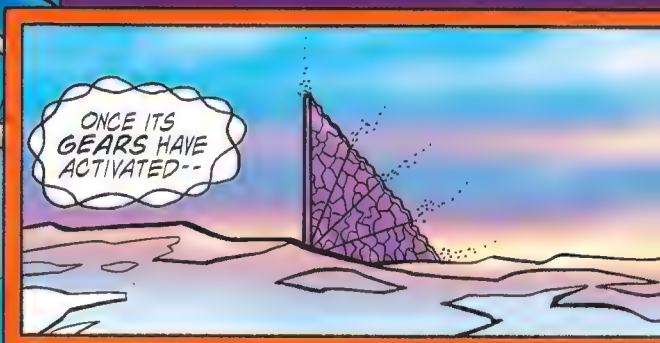

SOON...
YOU MADE EXCELLENT TIME, HEDGEHOG.
LET'S SKIP THE CHIT-CHAT, CREEP. WHERE'S YOUR BOT?
RIGHT HERE. WELL, RODENT, WHAT DO YOU THINK, HMM?
NOT BAD... IF YOU'RE INTO THE WHOLE GIANT, ROBO THING THAT IS.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, ANYWAY?
JUST STRAP THOSE CLOMPERS INTO THE PEDALS IN FRONT OF YOU. ONCE YOU GET GOING...
ENERGON
...YOU'LL GENERATE ENOUGH POWER TO BRING GIGA-BOT PRIME ONLINE.
WELL, I GUESS THE REST AIN'T ROCKET SCIENCE.
SONIC, YOU'RE DOING IT--IT'S MOVING!

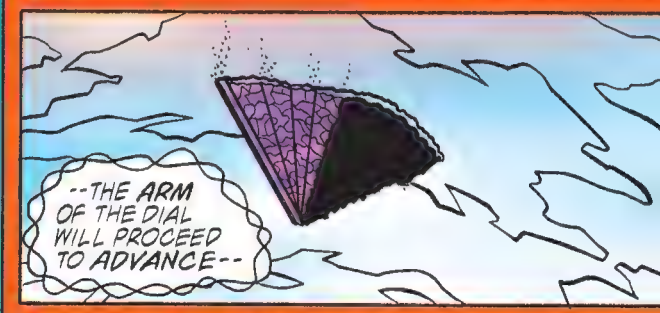

COMMANDER-- OBSERVE.
THE EARTHLINGS ARE STAGING AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK AGAINST THE XORDA.
"THE XORDA MUST NOT ALLOW THIS."
FOOM
KAKAK
KLONG
NOOOO!
RETREAT! RETREAT!
End of Chapter 3.


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RON LIM - PENCILS -
CHAPTER 4
JIM AMASH - INKS -
I THINK THE XORDA ARE FEELING A LITTLE "ALIENATED," SAL!
GET IT?
OH, SONIC, I COULD KISS YOU!
WELL, FOLLOW YOUR HEART DARLIN'!
WHAT THE--?!
MY LEGS!
KLANK
KLANK

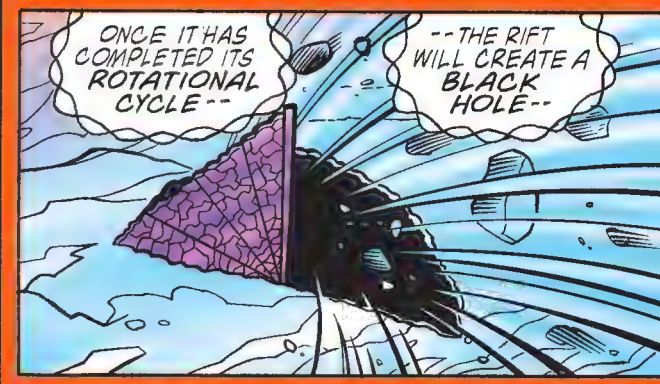

FOOLS! THE XORDA HAVE BEEN DEFEATED, AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO STICK TO MY PROMISE!
NOW, I CAN USE GIGA-BOT PRIME TO CONQUER MOBIUS!
YOU'LL MAKE A FINE BATTERY, SONIC, UNTIL YOU STARVE TO DEATH, THAT IS.
SUDDENLY...
INHABITANTS OF EARTH.
THE XORDA ARE NOT SO EASILY THWARTED.


BEHOLD THE QUANTUM DIAL.
GREATEST OF XORDA WEAPONS.

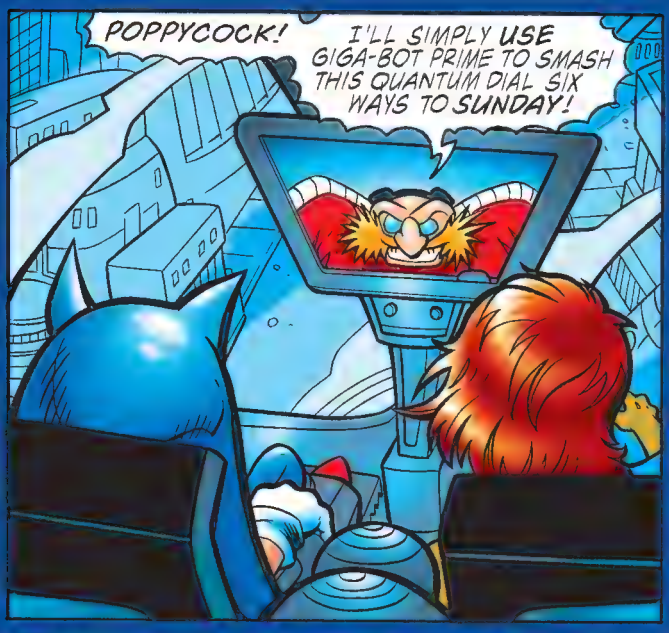

ONCE ITS GEARS HAVE ACTIVATED--


--THE ARM OF THE DIAL WILL PROCEED TO ADVANCE--


--RUPTURING THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM.


ONCE IT HAS COMPLETED ITS ROTATIONAL CYCLE--
--THE RIFT WILL CREATE A BLACK HOLE--

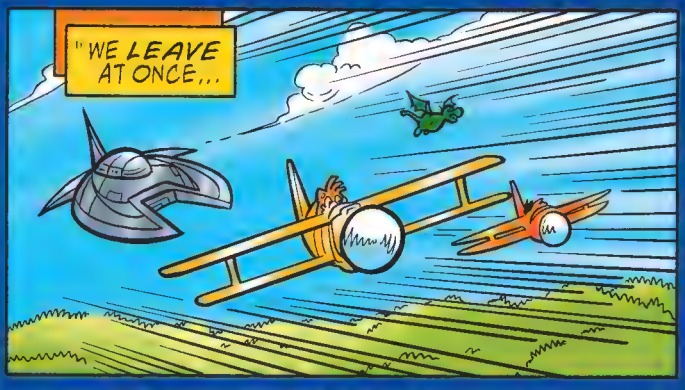

--TO GOBBLE EARTH AND HER ENTIRE STAR SYSTEM.
GOOD RIDDANCE.

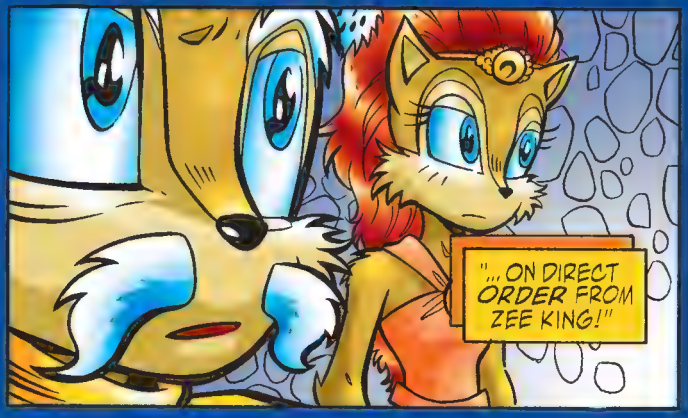

POPPYCOCK!
I'LL SIMPLY USE GIGA-BOT PRIME TO SMASH THIS QUANTUM DIAL SIX WAYS TO SUNDAY!

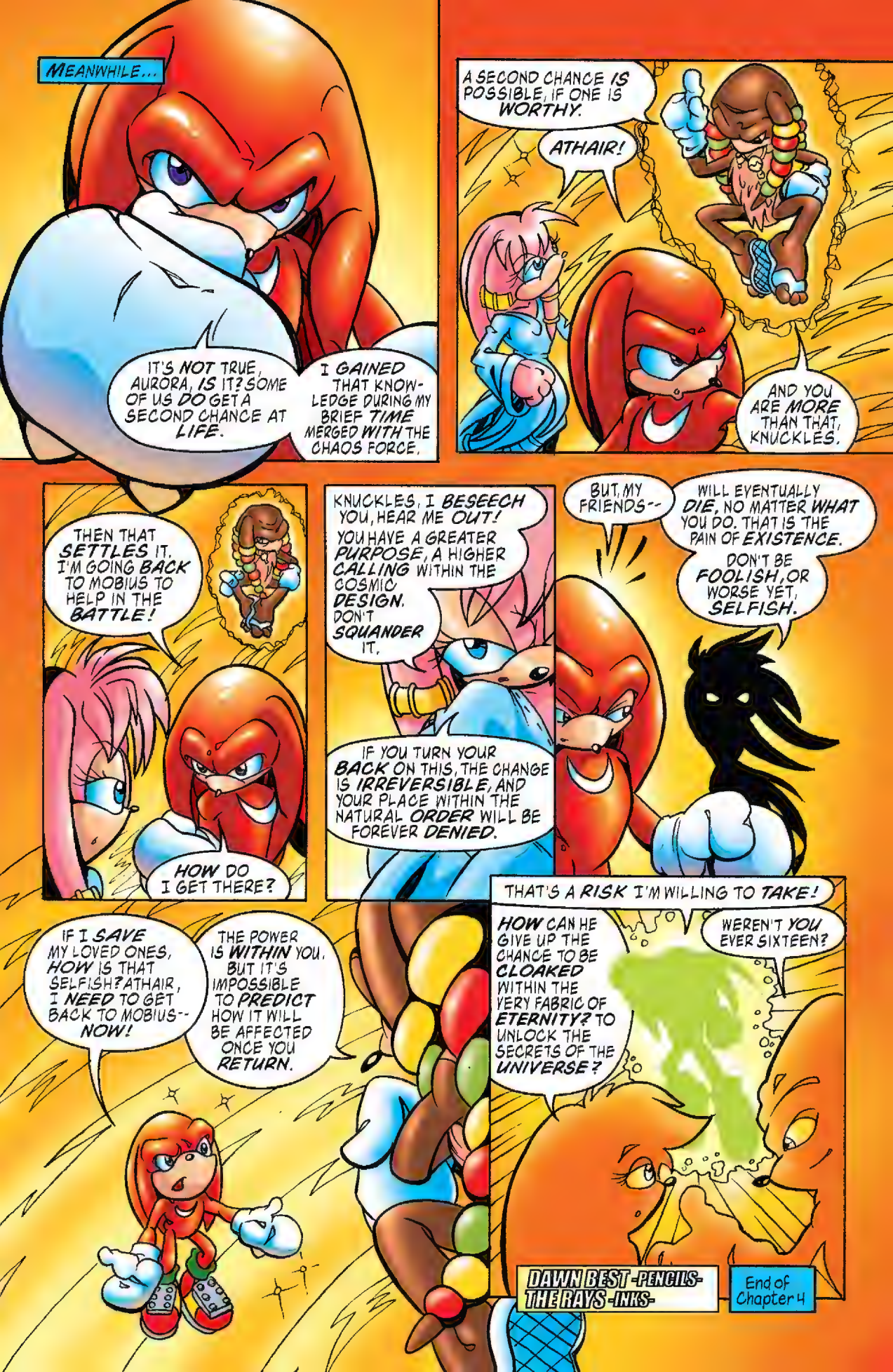

THE PEDALS ARE STARTING TO MOVE!


YOU BET YOUR BLUE BUTT-CHEEKS THEY ARE HERO--FUELED BY NOTHING SHORT OF PURE, HEDGEHOG UNLEADED!
ONBOARD SENSORS TELL ME THAT THE DIAL HAS LANDED ON MOBIUS' SOUTHERN TUNDRA--SO MUSH!


KNOTHOLE.
ALL RIGHT ZEN, MES BRAVES -- ZEE MISSION EEZ TO DESTROY ZIS WEAPON TERRIBLE.


"WE LEAVE AT ONCE...

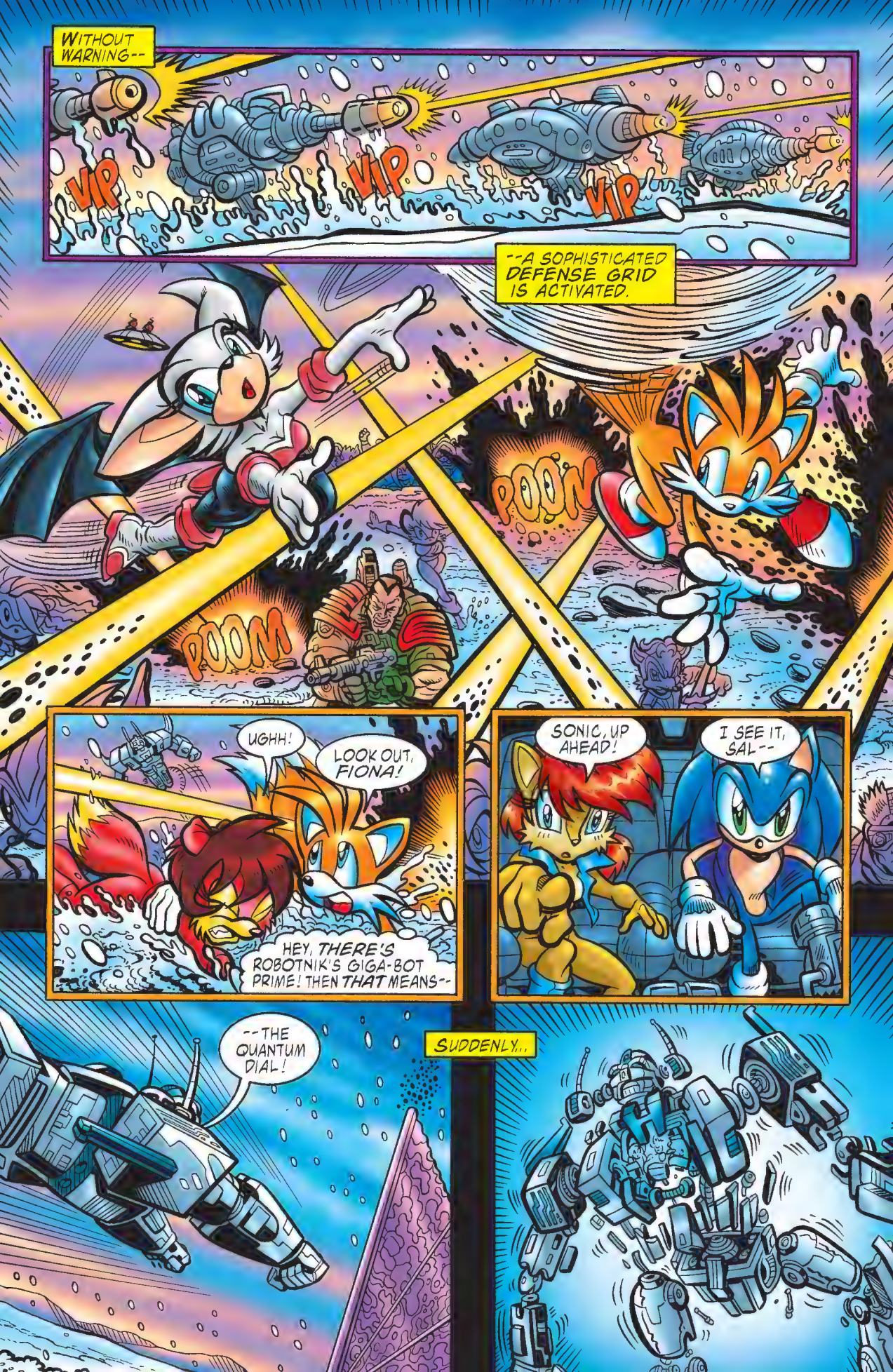

"...ON DIRECT ORDER FROM ZEE KING!"

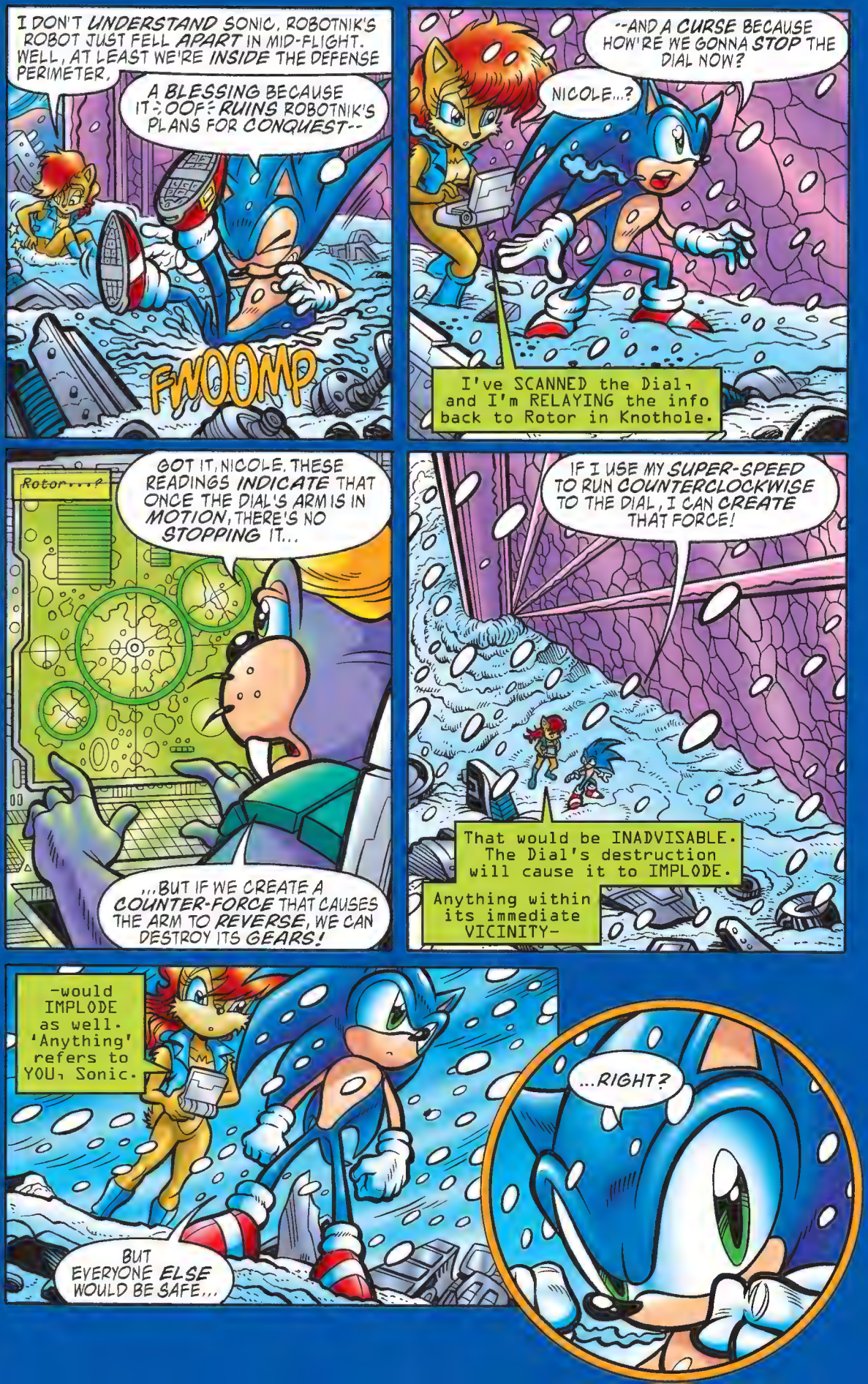

MEANWHILE...
IT'S NOT TRUE, AURORA, IS IT? SOME OF US DO GET A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE.
I GAINED THAT KNOWLEDGE DURING MY BRIEF TIME MERGED WITH THE CHAOS FORCE.
A SECOND CHANCE IS POSSIBLE, IF ONE IS WORTHY.
ATHAIR!
AND YOU ARE MORE THAN THAT, KNUCKLES.
THEN THAT SETTLES IT. I'M GOING BACK TO MOBIUS TO HELP IN THE BATTLE!
HOW DO I GET THERE?
KNUCKLES, I BESEECH YOU, HEAR ME OUT! YOU HAVE A GREATER PURPOSE, A HIGHER CALLING WITHIN THE COSMIC DESIGN. DON'T SQUANDER IT.
IF YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON THIS, THE CHANGE IS IRREVERSIBLE, AND YOUR PLACE WITHIN THE NATURAL ORDER WILL BE FOREVER DENIED.
BUT, MY FRIENDS--
WILL EVENTUALLY DIE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO. THAT IS THE PAIN OF EXISTENCE.
DON'T BE FOOLISH, OR WORSE YET, SELFISH.
IF I SAVE MY LOVED ONES, HOW IS THAT SELFISH? ATHAIR, I NEED TO GET BACK TO MOBIUS-- NOW!
THE POWER IS WITHIN YOU, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW IT WILL BE AFFECTED ONCE YOU RETURN.
THAT'S A RISK I'M WILLING TO TAKE!
HOW CAN HE GIVE UP THE CHANCE TO BE CLOAKED WITHIN THE VERY FABRIC OF ETERNITY? TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE?
WEREN'T YOU EVER SIXTEEN?
DAWN BEST -PENCILS-
THE RAYS -INKS-
End of Chapter 4


SOUTHERN TUNDRA...
"THIS QUANTUM DIAL MUST POSSESS AN AUTOMATED DEFENSE SYSTEM AROUND ITS ENTIRE PERIMETER.
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STEVEN BUTLER - PENCILS -
JIM AMASH - INKS -
"ALL TECHNOLOGY-BASED WEAPONS, INCLUDING STATION SQUARE'S MOST POWERFUL MISSLES--
"--FALL APART HARMLESSLY ONCE THEY ARRIVE WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF THAT THING."

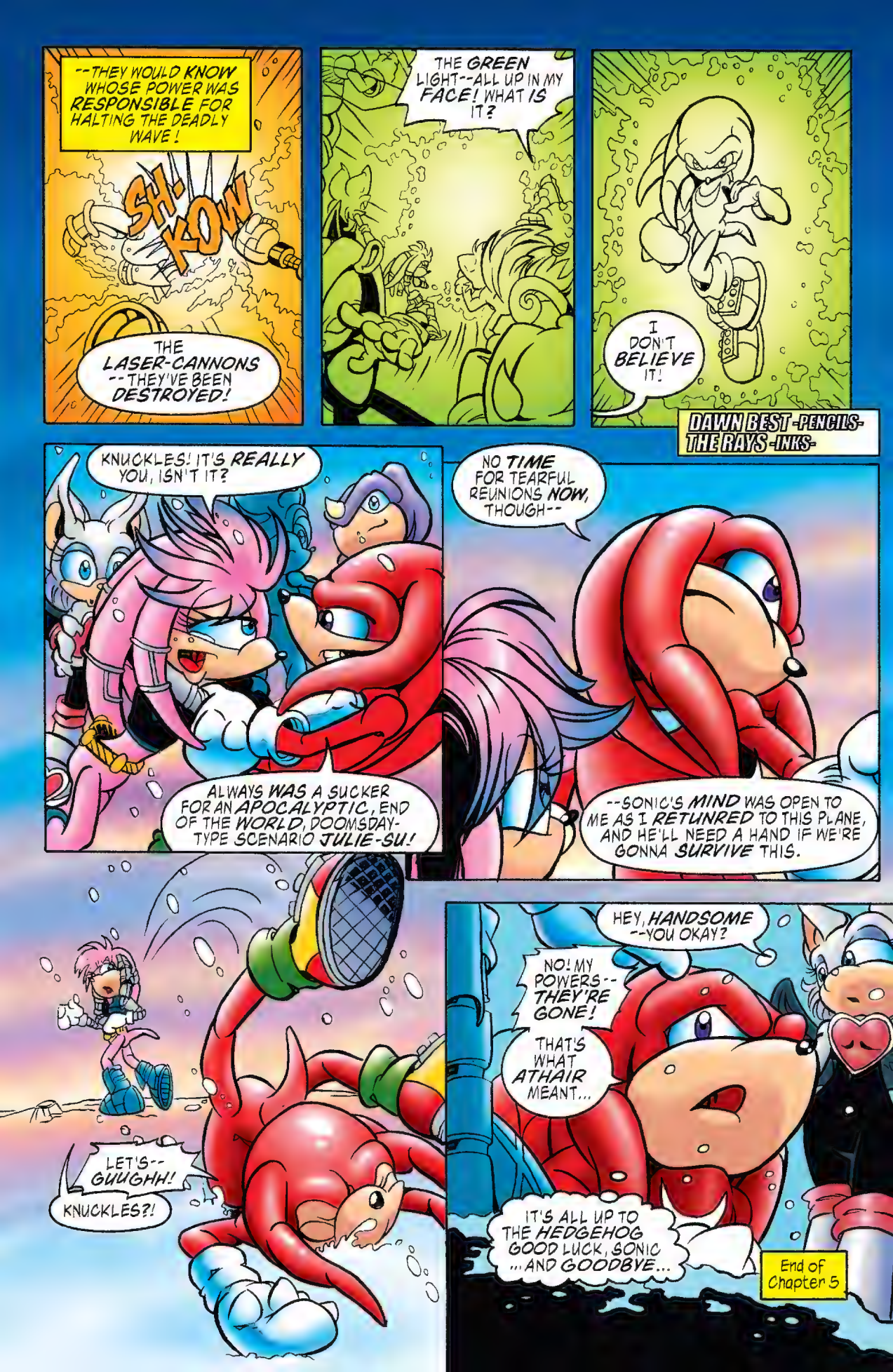

HOLY COW, COMMANDER BRASS!
THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT, TAILS. THESE ALIEN HOSTILES ARE HIGHLY ADVANCED. WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TACKLE THE DIAL HEAD ON.
THEY CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF THE PLANET--
--IN ORDER TO SAVE IT.
IN THE PAST, SOME HAVE STOOD TOGETHER AS ALLIES--
--WHILE OTHERS HAVE FACED OFF AS ENEMIES.
TODAY, ALL PETTY FEUDS MUST BE PUT ASIDE, TO DESTROY A DEVICE CAPABLE OF GLOBAL ANNIHILATION.
HEROES.
VILLAINS.
WITH THE FATE OF THEIR WORLD HANGING IN THE BALANCE.
LOOK, TAILS--THE DIAL'S ARM HAS STARTED TO MOVE!
SO, WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR, EVERYBODY?

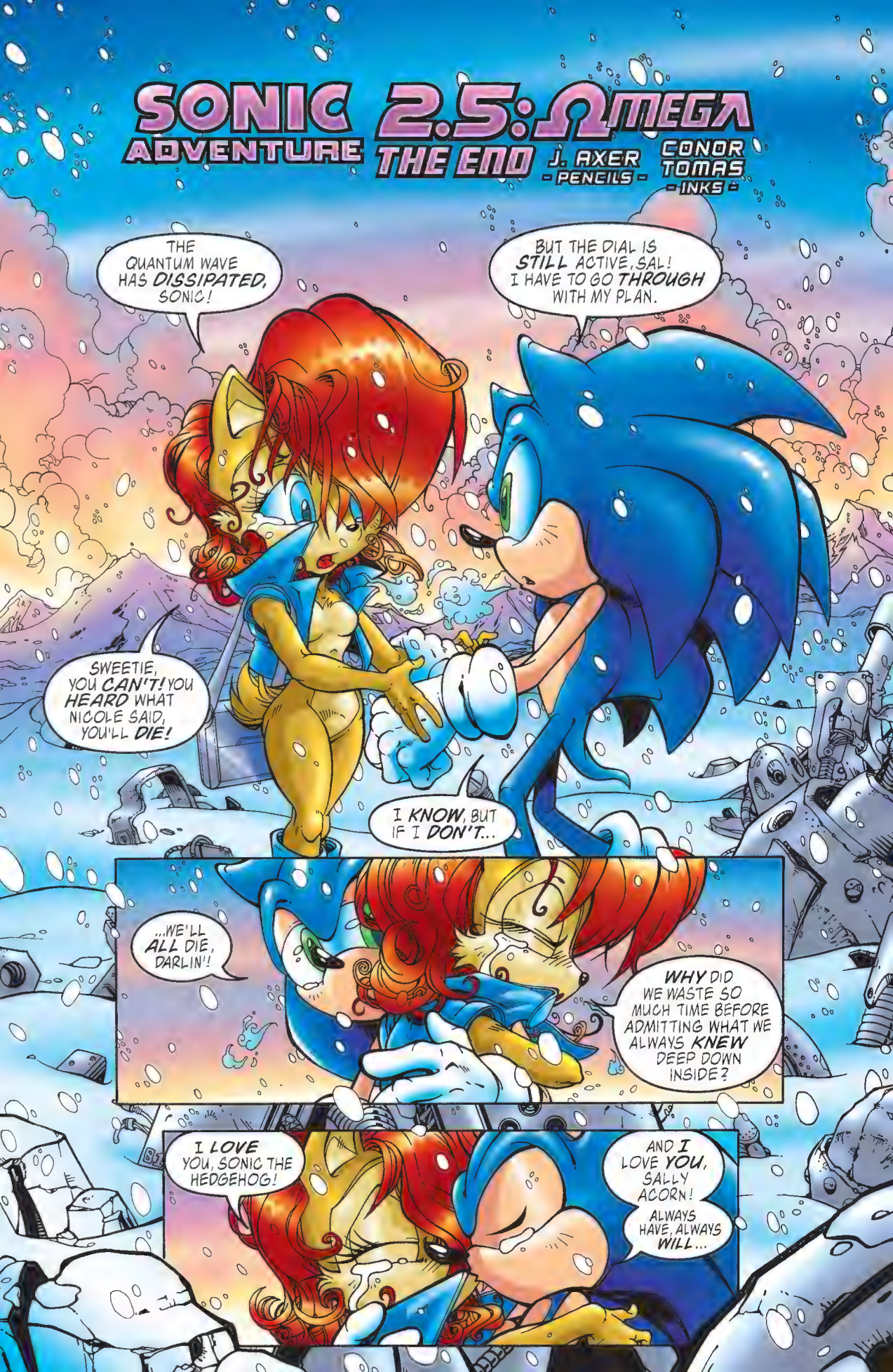

LET'S DO IT TO IT!

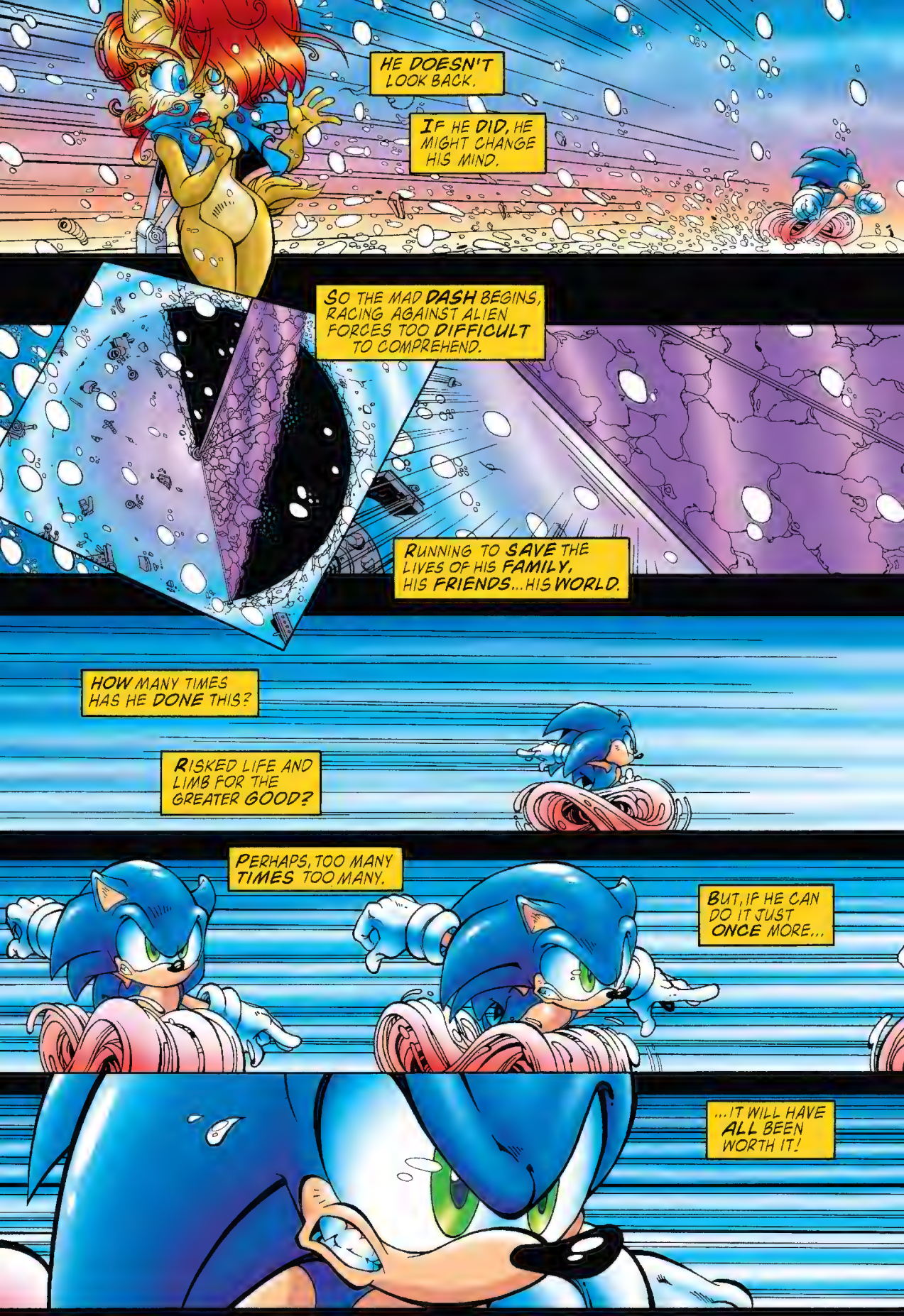

WITHOUT WARNING--
VIP
VIP
VIP
--A SOPHISTICATED DEFENSE GRID IS ACTIVATED.
POOM
POOM
UGHH!
LOOK OUT, FIONA!
HEY, THERE'S ROBOTNIK'S GIGA-BOT PRIME! THEN THAT MEANS--
SONIC, UP AHEAD!
I SEE IT, SAL--
--THE QUANTUM DIAL!
SUDDENLY...


I DON'T UNDERSTAND SONIC, ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT JUST FELL APART IN MID-FLIGHT. WELL, AT LEAST WE'RE INSIDE THE DEFENSE PERIMETER.
A BLESSING BECAUSE IT :OOF: RUINS ROBOTNIK'S PLANS FOR CONQUEST--
FWOOMP
--AND A CURSE BECAUSE HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP THE DIAL NOW?
NICOLE...?
I've SCANNED the Dial, and I'm RELAYING the info back to Rotor in Knothole.
Rotor...?
GOT IT, NICOLE. THESE READINGS INDICATE THAT ONCE THE DIAL'S ARM IS IN MOTION, THERE'S NO STOPPING IT...
...BUT IF WE CREATE A COUNTER-FORCE THAT CAUSES THE ARM TO REVERSE, WE CAN DESTROY ITS GEARS!
IF I USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO RUN COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO THE DIAL, I CAN CREATE THAT FORCE!
That would be INADVISABLE. The Dial's destruction will cause it to IMPLODE.
Anything within its immediate VICINITY-
-would IMPLODE as well. 'Anything' refers to YOU, Sonic.
BUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD BE SAFE...
...RIGHT?

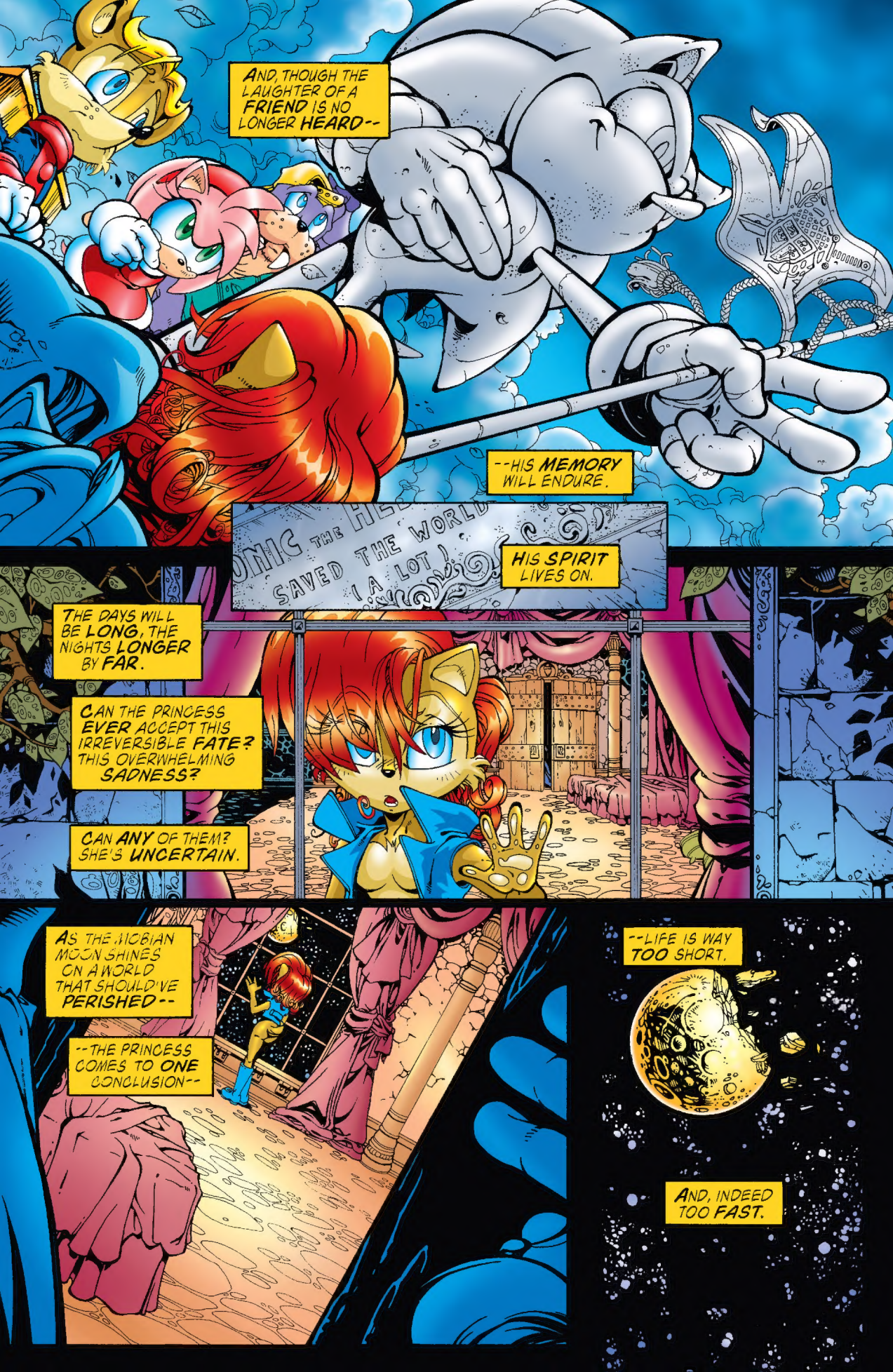

Perhaps, but we'll have to DEBATE that later-
-right now, my SENSORS are detecting a strange energy BUILD-UP coming from INSIDE the Dial.
DAWN BEST -PENCILS-
THE RAYS -INKS-
WHAT IS IT?
A BACK-UP defense system to prevent DAMAGE from organic ASSAILANTS-
-a destructive QUANTUM WAVE burst that will INCINERATE anything within a hundred-mile RADIUS.
JEEZ! TALK ABOUT OVERKILL! HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE BEFORE THE WAVE HITS?
Three point FIVE seconds...
TOO LATE.
HERE IT COMES! SAL, I LOVE--
HEY!
NOTHING HAPPENED!
WE'RE STILL ALIVE! BUT HOW?
WERE THE INTREPID COUPLE OUTSIDE THE DIAL'S DEFENSE PERIMETER--


--THEY WOULD KNOW WHOSE POWER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HALTING THE DEADLY WAVE!
SH-KOW
THE LASER-CANNONS --THEY'VE BEEN DESTROYED!
THE GREEN LIGHT--ALL UP IN MY FACE! WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
DAWN BEST -PENCILS-
THE RAYS -INKS-
KNUCKLES! IT'S REALLY YOU, ISN'T IT?
ALWAYS WAS A SUCKER FOR AN APOCALYPTIC, END OF THE WORLD, DOOMSDAY-TYPE SCENARIO JULIE-SU!
NO TIME FOR TEARFUL REUNIONS NOW, THOUGH--
--SONIC'S MIND WAS OPEN TO ME AS I RETURNED TO THIS PLANE, AND HE'LL NEED A HAND IF WE'RE GONNA SURVIVE THIS.
LET'S-- GUUGHH!
KNUCKLES?!
HEY, HANDSOME --YOU OKAY?
NO! MY POWERS-- THEY'RE GONE!
THAT'S WHAT ATHAIR MEANT...
IT'S ALL UP TO THE HEDGEHOG GOOD LUCK, SONIC ...AND GOODBYE...
End of Chapter 5


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THE END
J. AXER - PENCILS -
CONOR TOMAS - INKS -
THE QUANTUM WAVE HAS DISSIPATED, SONIC!
BUT THE DIAL IS STILL ACTIVE, SAL! I HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH MY PLAN.
SWEETIE, YOU CAN'T! YOU HEARD WHAT NICOLE SAID, YOU'LL DIE!
I KNOW, BUT IF I DON'T...
...WE'LL ALL DIE, DARLIN'!
WHY DID WE WASTE SO MUCH TIME BEFORE ADMITTING WHAT WE ALWAYS KNEW DEEP DOWN INSIDE?
I LOVE YOU, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
AND I LOVE YOU, SALLY ACORN!
ALWAYS HAVE, ALWAYS WILL...


HE DOESN'T LOOK BACK.
IF HE DID, HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND.
SO THE MAD DASH BEGINS, RACING AGAINST ALIEN FORCES TOO DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND.
RUNNING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS...HIS WORLD.
HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE DONE THIS?
RISKED LIFE AND LIMB FOR THE GREATER GOOD?
PERHAPS, TOO MANY TIMES TOO MANY.
BUT, IF HE CAN DO IT JUST ONCE MORE...
...IT WILL HAVE ALL BEEN WORTH IT!


SONIC...?


AND, THOUGH THE LAUGHTER OF A FRIEND IS NO LONGER HEARD--
--HIS MEMORY WILL ENDURE.
HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON.
THE DAYS WILL BE LONG, THE NIGHTS LONGER BY FAR.
CAN THE PRINCESS EVER ACCEPT THIS IRREVERSIBLE FATE? THIS OVERWHELMING SADNESS?
CAN ANY OF THEM? SHE'S UNCERTAIN.
AS THE MOBIAN MOON SHINES ON A WORLD THAT SHOULD'VE PERISHED--
--THE PRINCESS COMES TO ONE CONCLUSION--
--LIFE IS WAY TOO SHORT.
AND, INDEED TOO FAST.


H-HE'S GONE.
HER WORDS ARE TOO HEAVY, CRUSHING THEM BENEATH THEIR WEIGHT--
--WITH ENOUGH HEARTBREAK, LOSS, AND PAIN--
--TO LAST THEM THE REST OF THEIR DAYS.
A WORLD IS ONCE MORE SAFE--
--BUT A CHAMPION HAS FALLEN.
WHAT PRICE, VICTORY?
HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!


EPILOGUE
849,000 LIGHT YEARS AWAY...
SHOOM
TO BE CONTINUED!

Greetings and salutations, Sonic fans!

My name is Justin Gabrie and I welcome you to the 10th Anniversary issue of the Sonic The Hedgehog comic. The last ten years have been one wild ride for the Blue Blur in his comic book form. We hope the next ten years will be even more exciting, so keep reading as Sonic's wildest adventures have yet to be chronicled. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the fans that have been supporting this book all these years. In the end, we could not have done it without you. I'd like also like to thank the writers and artists that have brought these stories to life month after month for the last decade, as well as our publishers Michael Silberkleit and Richard Goldwater, Managing Editor Victor Gorelick and the staff at Archie Comics. I would also thank the staff at SEGA, specifically their Licensing reps Robert Leffler and Takuma Hatori for their constant assistance. Above all, I wish to thank, none other than the creators of every single Sonic game ever made, Yuji Naka and his Sonic Team. Without them, the character this comic is based on would simply not exist. Arigato, Naka-san. Now, I am honored to present a special message from him, so without further ado... **YUJI NAKA!**



From Sonic's birth back in 1991, Sonic has appeared in many forms across many different media. While Sonic originated on a home console, he quickly made his way to the arcades, and was soon transformed into a toy line, TV cartoon, and even a comic series. Perhaps the largest reason why Sonic has made it this far and has enjoyed so much success is because his fans have showed continual love and support through the years. And for this, we are grateful.

When "Sonic The Hedgehog" was born on the Genesis, we went through what seemed like an endless period of trial and error, trying to find the perfect new action hero; something that nobody had ever seen before. The game itself was a high-speed adventure that allowed players to experience a sensation never before felt, married with gameplay simple enough so that anyone could play. The final element to the game was the hero: a hero that represented righteousness and freedom yet exuded a sense of "cool." And while Sonic was a character that was vastly different from the norm at the time, people around the world accepted him. And at that moment, we knew that this new stance of challenging the accepted norm was absolutely appropriate for Sonic himself as a character... Perhaps one could say that this new stance changed Sonic's very destiny.

And now, 12 years have passed since those humble beginnings, and we are standing on the brink of what we would like to celebrate as a "Sonic Year." It is a year in which we would like to express our thanks to our fans that have supported us all these long years, as well as a chance to introduce Sonic to our future fans.

To that purpose, we decided to release "Sonic Mega Collection" and "Sonic Adventure DX" for the Nintendo GameCube. We wanted people who have yet to experience the rich history of the Sonic series to be able to understand the heritage, and keep the history alive and untarnished. In addition, we have brought to the market a cellular phone game, as well as "Sonic Advance 2" for the GameBoy Advance. In fact, we are currently considering our options for bringing Sonic to Nokia's N-Gage. Furthermore, we plan to take Sonic's evolution to the next level with the next Sonic action game that is currently in development.

Beyond our games, we are planning to bring Sonic to a greater audience, primarily to the children of the world, through a program that we have not done in over 7 years: a McDonald's Happy Meal promotion, starting this summer. In addition, the new TV animation series, "Sonic X," debuted this past spring in Japan. Of course we would love all of the children of the world to enjoy the series, so we are currently planning a worldwide release as well.

Across borders and across generations, we will continue our oath of creating characters that will be loved through the years. Sonic will continue running, with us at his side, for many years to come.

Yuji Naka

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